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SUITS AND OVERCOATS

Why not come in and let us show you just how low we are offering these goods. It will be a pleasure to us, and will not cost you anything to look them over. Come in to-day.

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Unexampled offerings of good Clothes at January prices. Here are the straight statements of fact:

Men's Melton Greatcoats, 52 inches long; Belt and Tourist Coats; $15 and $18 garments of all-wool fancy Scotch goods; year-end sale, $12.50; worth up to $18.00.

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Men's 52-inch all-wool Frieze Greatcoats, serge lined; 46 and 48-inch Melton Box Coats and 52-inch all-wool Fancy Belt Overcoats; year-end sale..... $10.00

$5.00 for $7.50 and $8.50 Overcoats. Elsewhere they'd be $10.00.

$7.50 for $10 and $12 Overcoats. Elsewhere they'd be $15.

Men's and Young Men's
. . Suits . .

Men's Custom Tailored Worsted Suits, double and single breasted; year-end sale.... $10.00

Youths' all-wool Black and Fancy Suits; year-end sale.....$6.00

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Youths' 50 inch Black and Oxford Frieze Overcoats and Fancy Single and Double-Breasted Tourist Coats; year-end sale...$8.00

Children's all-wool Blue Cheviot Eton Suits, sizes 3 to 8, and Double-Breasted and Norfolk Suits, sizes 8 to 16; year-end sale $1.95

Children's all-wool Russian Overcoats, sizes 3 to 8, and Oxford Melton Box Coats, sizes 8 to 16; year end sale $2 95

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$5.00 for our $7.50 and $8.50 Suits. Elsewhere they'd be 10.00.

$6.00 for our $8.50 and $10 Suits. Elsewhere they'd be $12.00.

$7.50 for our $10 and $15 Suits, Elsewhere they'd be $15.

$8.50 for our $12 Suits. Elsewhere they'd be $15.00.

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We handle a fine line of Shoes in every conceivable style and price, it will pay to give us a call and see if this statement is not so. It would be impossible to describe this large stock as our advertising is limited. If you call and inspect them personally you will see what we claim is absolutely correct.

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Fruit Cake,
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J. H. EMERSON,
Middletown, - Delaware.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11th, 1905.

JOHN Wanamaker the merchant prince of Philadelphia and New York was Postmaster General during the administration of President Harrison and one of the best Postmaster Generals if not the very best the country has ever had. He strove to make reforms and improvements in the post office department but soon found that he could not do much. He said recently that there were four reasons why we cannot have a parcel post and other po tal facilities that have long been enjoyed in Germany, France, England, Italy and other countries. The four reasons were the four great American Expres- companies then; there are six now. They are amalagated into a trust. They are the successful rivals of the United States government in its own territory and in its peculiar domain monopolizing the most important part of the postal carrying business compelling the people to pay many hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly and bringing the country through the postal system into debt when if it were not for these express companies there would be a yearly surplus to the credit of the postoffice. This condition of affairs could not exist in an alleged free country and under a Republican form of government. It could not exist here were it not for the fact that it has behind it the boss of the most powerful state of the Union, a state that furnishes thirty-nine votes in the electoral college and that represents a large proportion of the wealth of the Union, contains the largest city in the Union and with over twelve hundred millionaires, many of them rich in Express company stock. How long, O, how long will the country tolerate this particular octopus? Will it continue after the decrepit Senator who is now the president of the express company trust and its attorney in the Capitol has passed away? The thieves in the post office department were sent to Moundsville penitentiary this week. The beef trust is supposed to have received a stunning blow from the Supreme court of the United States. The railroads appear to be docile and plastic to legislation. May we not hope that this entrenched trust may also have to loosen its grip?

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In the great inaugural parade on the Fourth of March 35,000 thousand men will march on Pennsylvania Avenue. Of these five thousand will be United States regulars, 12,000 state militia and about five thousand civilians from all parts of the country. The four great races will be represented for Indians, Filipinos and negros will march beside the white man. The President will be escorted by a squad of his own "rough riders" and this with the other features of the show will make it more bewildering than a three ringed circus. The route of the parade however will be contingent on the condition of Pennsylvania Avenue. That throughfare is occasionally under water and it may be that the procession have to make a detour to reach the Capitol. The snow fall of this winter is almost unprecedented and when the waters begin to rise they may submerge the Avenue. March fourth is an especially favorable time for a flood and the Inaugural committees are anxiously awaiting the date. Stands are to be erected along the Avenue and for from fifty cents to a dollar a person may buy a seat from which to view the parade. Many thousand dollars are invested in these stands which are uncovered and the investor risks all his money on the state of the weather. If the sun shines he sells his seats and makes a haul. If it is cold and snowy he draws a blank. Windows in hotels and business houses along the Avenue are all engaged in advance. The prices range from five to fifty dollars a window, the latter being the price asked in the New Willard and Raleigh hotels for a room with a window on the Avenue for the day. In these high priced stations prominent officials or residents collect a number of their friends and serve luncheon, and make a social affair of the occassion. Humbler citizens are content to pay twenty-five cents for a dry good box somewhere near the edge of the pavement on the route of the parade and the enterprising African who can gather together a number of boxes, or get his wagon in a good situation is sure of having patronage. The committee this year, it is said will not permit wagons and dry goods boxes along the route but there are pretty sure to be some cheap coins of vantage somewhere.

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The ball in the evening will, of course be the climax of the day and inasmuch as the Fourth of March comes on Saturday, the ball must close before twelve o'clock or profane the Sabbath. After much discussion, Congress permitted the use of the Pension Office and the decorations of flags and flowers are already in preparation. Thousands of dollars will be spent in flowers and the majestic columns of the Pension Office will be wreathed with color. No more suitable place can be found in any country for a great festive gathering than the Pension Office with its smooth floor of nearly an acre in extent and its tiers of balconies for the convenience of those who prefer to look on and do not care to dance. The building is perfectly heated and ventilated and no matter how disagreeable the weather may be outside, the guests will be thoroughly confortable. At General Grant's last inauguration in 1873 a temporary structure was made near where the Pension Office now stands? It was not heated and the unique spectacle was presented of gentlemen in overcoats and ladies in seal skin shivering and smiting their hands while they danced.

The Delaware Game Association will furnish free of charge, grain to any farmer who has quail or pheasants on his farm and will feed them while the snow is on the ground. Call or write to James C. Bice, Dover, Del.

THE GAME SUFFERED

The Weather Conditions have Killed Birds and Rabbits

WILL PAY FOR THE FEEDING

The condition of wild game all over this section at this time is deplorable. As a rule thousands of birds and rabbits can find shelter and sustenance in the deep pine woods when heavy snows cover the fields, but they can not find that shelter now.

The last two snows have been unusually heavy, and they have been accompanied by high winds which drove the snow into the deepest recesses of the forests, and even under the heavy underbrush the ground is thickly covered with frozen snow.

This renders the condition of the little denizens of wood and field absolutely helpless, and they simply huddle together where the last snow banked around them, and freeze or starve to death. It is estimated that thousands have perished within the past week, and woodmen who have been forced to break their way into the woods state that they have found both rabbits and partridges frozen stiff, alongside of wood piles and underbrush.

The snow which fell last week was unusually heavy and packed closely where it fell. Coming on top of that which fell the week previous, and the entire mass in turn being converted into almost solid ice, has imprisoned the birds that had managed to keep sheltered up to that time.

Hunger has also driven birds, rabbits and other game into barns, poultry yards and other places around the farms, and one farmer reports that he found two large coons in his hog pens the other day. Turkey buzzards have also become desperate through hunger, and they have to be driven away from garbage receptacles in back yards even in the towns. Old sportsmen say that the present conditions are the worst and most fatal that the game of Sussex and the Eeastern Shore has had to undergo for thirty years.

The Game Protection Association is taking steps to alleviate the conditions as far as possible, and as will be noticed in the local columns the Association is willing to pay those who feed the birds.— *The State Register.*

ANNIE OAKLEY WILL SHOOT BLUE ROCK

Annie Oakley, Frank Butler, Miss Parker and seventy-five professional shots will participate in the tournament of the Wilmington Gun Club to be held on the club's grounds, Wilmington, on April 13th and 14th. Much interest centers in the shoot for the cup of the Delaware Shooting Association.

It is now held by the Wawaset Gun Club and was won at the tournament at Middletown last fall. The Wawaset Club defeated the Wilmington Club by five points. There will be an individual shoot and several sweepstakes. The Wilmington Club expects to have seventy-five crack shots to participate in the tournament. The State clubs are much interested in the affairs as five men from each club will participate in the shoot for the silver cup.

Arrangements are being made to secure a large tent to accommodate those who will attend as the club house of the Wilmington Club is not large enough to accommodate all who will be in attendance.

CALIFORNIA

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged for a special personally-conducted tour throught California, to leave New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington on February 16, by the "Golden Gate Special," composed exclusively of Pullman parlor smoking, dining, drawing-room sleeping, compartment, and observation cars, returning by March 21. This special train will be run over the entire route. The best hotels will be used where extended stops are made, but the train will be at the constant command of the party.

Round-trip tickets covering all necessary expenses, $375 from all points on Pennsylvania Railroad except Pittsburg, from which point the rate will be $370.

For itineraries and further information apply to ticket agents; C. Studds, Eastern Passenger Agent, 263 Fifth Ave., New York; Hugh Hasson, Jr., Passenger Agent Baltimore District, Baltimore, Md., B. M. Newbold, Passenger Agent Southeastern District, Washington, D. C.; Thos. E. Watt, Passenger Agent Western District, Pittsburg, Pa.; or address Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent Philadelphia.

NEW RECORDER TAKES CHARGE

Harry H. Billany, who was appointed Recorder of Deeds Friday by Governor Lea to succeed James S. Moore, deceased, assumed his new duties Saturday morning. Mr. Billany arrived at the recorder's office about 9 o'clock and found considerable business to be disposed of, which could not be attended to by the deputy. Many of Mr. Billany's friends called at the office to congratulate him on his appointment. It is said to be one of the best paying offices in the county and is estimated to be worth anywhere from $5,000 to $10,000 a year.

There will be no changes among the clerks in the office. Deputy Recorder Anthony McGarvey will be continued in in that position and the clerks, William H. Taylor, William P. Clayton, Walter K. Babcock and Irving L. Ball will also be retained.

The *New York Tribune Farmer* is the most thoroughly practical, helpful useful, entertaining, national, illustrated agricultural and family weekly in the United States. You may secure it with the "TRANSCRIPT," both papers, one year, for $1.25.

THE FARM, GARDEN AND DAIRY

Little Paragraphs That will Interest Every Member of the Household

To the man or woman who uses the kerosene can as a fire-kindler, we earnstly say, "Don't!"

To change the male in every flock, every year, is proved economy. The chicks are always more hardy.

Do you know of anything meaner than to sell a cow with a bad trick to a neighbor? Or a horse, either?

The battle of life is like a barrel of apples—the big ones are on top; and what is more, they usually stay there.

If one pound of corn is raised to each hill on an acre of ground the product will be fifty bushels. This would mean about two fair sized ears.

Remember, your success will increase with your experience. If the business was so simple that any one embarking in it could make money, it would not be long before the market would be glutted.

Here's a wringle for melon-raisers. A French farmer near Marseilles has discovered that by "watering" his melons with milk they will grow to twice their ordinary size. He carries off all the melon prizes at local agricultural fairs.

It makes everything look brighter on the old farm to go for several days to some city, where one has to buy everything to eat and drink, and a place to sleep. Such a way of existing will make farm life and home more fully appreciated than ever, and so satisfying that great benefit will be derived, and one will feel like sticking to the bright side found at the old farm.

The grower of corn can well afford to put in some of the spare hours of the winter carefully sorting and selecting his seed corn. If he will put in a day's work on each half bushel of seed he will be making more money than in any day's work done during the whole year. A two-thirds stand of corn means a two-thirds crop. Seed weak in vitality produces either barren stalk or nubbins. The man who will cheerfully pay $150 for a bull can well afford to apply the same principle with reference to his seed corn.

An exchange says that with the introduction of interurban lines and the general trend to the cities, rural schools are going to suffer. Every year the attendance of graded schools increases on account of children coming in from the country districts. Up in Iowa steps are being taken to consolidate rural districts. The superintendent reports that there are 113 schools with an average daily attendance of only three pupils and three with only one pupil. One hundred and forty-five have a daily attendance of only four, 293 an attendance of only five and 35 an attendance of only six.

WILL FIGHT RURAL DELIVERY

A concerted movement against the continuance of the rural mail delivery system in its present character has been started by organizations of business men and merchants all over the country, says Fourth Estate. Tue men in these organizations will protest to Congress against the extension of the present system and will advocate its curtailment along sweeping lines.

It is understood that the system has never been pronouncedly popular with business men and opposition against it has become more pronounced than ever recently on account of the exposure of some of the uses to which it has been put, and especially since the publication of Postmaster Gen. Wynne's estimate of the cost of the extensions authorized by Congress for the coming year.

The class of business men who are supposed to be the most directly hurt by the rural free delivery system are the merchants. Through the operation of the system they are said to be more than ever exposed to the competition of the mail order houses and they declare that in many sections the farmers have stopped coming to town to buy since the establishment of the free delivery routes. This of course, reacts on the jobbers and wholesalers in the large cities and the result is that the trade of both city and country has suffered severely.

SOME GOOD "NEVERS"

Never lean the back against anything that is cold.

Never begin a journey until after a good breakfast has been eaten.

Never fail to keep the back well covered, especially between the shoulder blades, also the chest well protected.

Never breathe with the mouth open in sleeping in a cold room, but establish a habit of breathing through the nose.

Never ride in an open carriage or near the open window of a train for a moment immediately after exercise of any kind. It is dangerous to health, and even to life.

Never go from a warm atmosphere into a cooler one without keeping the mouth closed, so that the air may be warmed in its passage through the nose before it reaches the lungs.

GOVERNOR'S STAFF

DOVER DEL., Feb. 13th.—Governor Lea to-day announced the appointment of several additional members of his military staff. Colonel J. Ernest Smith of Wilmington, who was a member of Governor Hunn's staff, is re-appointed Judge-advocate general on the staff of Governor Lea. Other appointments were: To be colonels, George W. Sparks, Horace Wilson of Wilmington, and John T. Vandenberg of Bridgeville. Mr. Sparks is the well-known state senator, and Captain Wilson is manager of the Wilmington Steamboat Company and widely known.

Colonel Vandenberg is a Representative in the Legislature. He comes from Bridgeville, a strong Republican district, and is one of the most popular assemblymen here. He is a fruit dealer and real estate agent at Bridgeville. Representative Vandenberg was kept busy to-day acknowledging the salutes of "Colonel."

HOW YOU PAY FOR WATER

Aqua Pura Comes High When Purchased as Food

IT COSTS $2.50 PER GLASS

What we buy as solid food is not solid, says a writer in Pearson's Magazine. It is partly water; some of the commonest foods are almost entirely composed of water.

Bought as food, water is a tolerably expensive luxury. In several instances it costs something like two dollars and fifty cents a glass.

Let us begin with breakfast.

Look at that loaf of bread. To all appearance it is soild enough. But it is not. When it came into the hands of the baker as wheat flour it contained water only to the extent of 17 per cent. In working up the materials into dough, by kneading and in baking, a great change takes place, and the quantity of water has more than doubled. The percentage of water in the crust is about half that in the soft inside.

Cured pork does not contain a large proportion of water; in fact wherever there is a good deal of fatty matter, there is also a scarcity of moisture. So the man who enjoys his slice of breakfast bacon may comfort himself with the reflection that he is getting fairly solid value for his money, because bacon contains only 22 per cent. of water.

Fresh eggs, on the other hand, are composed of no less than 65 per cent. of water.

The best dairy-made butter, no matter how carefully prepared, contains comparatively a regal per centage of water. Out of 1,5000 samples of butter examined by well-known authorities, a small number contained over 16 per cent. of water. The larger number contained 11 and 13 per. cent. Carelessly manufactured or adulterated butter often contains much more water than is permissible by law, and the breakfast table may include a supply of butter containing as much as 20 per cent. of water.

It is only to be expected that milk, owing to its origin, should vary considerably in its composition. Much depends on the health and surroundings of the animals yielding it.

It is interesting to know that morning milk, as it comes from the cow, is by no means as nourishing as the evening supply; there is more water in the former. The daily quart of milk even in its purest states contains an average 87.6 per cent. of water.

The choicest fish contain the largest per centage of water, some kinds as high as 78 per cent.

"As cool as a cucumber," is a household term. The coolness is easily explained. Cucumbers are almost entirely composed of water. They contain fully 95 per cent.

Lettuce also contains 92 per cent. of water.

It will be seen that most of the good things of life are largely composed of water; but it is better for us that this is so. Nature knows more about our digestive powers than we know ourselves, and she has designed her products—fish, flesh, fowl and fruit—with so cunning a hand that the water contained in each is essential.

Food, containing very little water in its composition is not, as a rule, good to eat until a suitable process of cooking has rendered it safe by adding a further supply of water to it, and boiling, as is well known, is the process that renders our food most wholesome and easy of digestion.

THE FEBRUARY AMERICAN BOY

The Washington's Birthday number of *The American Boy* is replete with matter of historical interest. Its contents include a full page, illustrated article, "How Artists Pictured Washington," "Francis Hampton, the proud little lad of Valley Forge," "A Nation's Honor at the Pen's Point," "A Washington's Birthday Party," "The Story of Lincoln's Boyhood," "Washington and the Flag." The cover of *The American Boy* this month is an intensely interesting one, as it represents Washington at prayer in the Valley Forge days, being a reproduction of a photograph of the bas-relief recently put into the East Side Y. M. C. A. building in New York City. The stories this month, in addition to those named, are further chapters of Kirk Munroe's "For the Mikado," further chapters of "My Four Years at West Point," the first of a new series of bear stories entitled "Capturing a Thief," the story of a little Italian entitled "What Happened to Pietro," "A Thousand Miles in a Small Boat," "A Piratical Misadventure," "The Young Midshipman's Adventure," "Down Brownlow Hill," "Grog" and "Tatters Helps the Editor." As leading articles of a miscellaneous nature are, the Editor's page, "Just Between Ourselves," in which he discusses the subject of "Quitting School," "The Boy Who is Faithful," "A Message from Governor Dockery of Missouri to American Boys," a full page illustration of the Company of the Battleship Indiana, "How the Batwa Pygmies were Photographed," a short biography of General Stoessel, Maxim Gorki, Carol of Roumania, "A Successful Young Hunter," "A Home-Made Auto Wins a Race," "Boys, How About Your Finances?" "One Boy's Success with Angora Goats," "Little Pete, a carrier pigeon that traveled eight thousand miles to reach home," "A Cheyenne Celebration," "Among the Birds," "The Boys' Corn Exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition," "Amateur Journalism," "Stamps, Coins and Curios," "The Boy Photographer," "First lesson on how to play the Mandolin, second installment of "How Two Boys Built a Wireless Telegraph," "Clever Work with the Pocket Knife" and Puzzles. 32 pages. 64 illustrations. $1.00 a year. The Sprague Publishing Co., Detroit, Mich.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO EVERYONE

Short Pungent Paragraphs Gathered Here and There

Japan has 1500 daily newspapers and periodicals.

It takes a diplomat to know more than the boss and hold his job.

We all have money coming, but it seldom arrives on schedule time.

A real estate man will frequently tell the truth when talking about the weather.

Russia has a per capita investment in industrial enterprises of $4, while the United States has $125.

The American Bible Society has donated more than 32,000 testaments and gospels among the 45,000 wounded Japanese soldiers.

Conceit and the left hind foot of a graveyard rabbit have made almost as many fools of men as old Mother Nature or any other woman.

The physician who declares that the vest is a menace to health and asks us to discard it will do better if he states his agitation about the first week in July.

If people had to sit on as uncomfortable seats at a church as at a circus how they would roar. This is one of the things that proves the influence of mind over matter.

An operation for the removal of a tumor behind one of the ears of Thomas A. Edison, the noted electrician, was performed last week, and it is hoped that he will recover. He is 57 years old.

Under the Belgium law unmarried men over twenty-five have one vote, married men and widowers with families have two votes, and priests and other persons of position and education have three votes.

An effort is being made to revive the lost art of daguerrotype pictures. Time has shown that the old pictures taken 50 years ago are bright and beautiful to-day. It was a real art and it will be revived.

The Wheaton, (Kan.) Exponent editor is evidently a good business man. At the top of his paper he carries this line—"In God we trust—Those without baggage must pay in advance!" Shake, brother!

The largest diamond ever discovered has been found near Pretoria. The stone weighs 3,032 karats and is said to be a pure white diamond of good quality. It is valued at $3,500,000 to $4,000,000 and would weigh nearly two pounds.

A newspaper may devote a column to the praise or recommendation of a man and he will forget about it in a couple of weeks, but a two line item that is not altogether pleasing will be remembered by the average reader for years.

Waiting for something to turn up always ends in disappointment, because the something in question is waiting to be turned up, and two "waits" balance each other and produce a "deadlock." In other words, "there is nothing doing."

The Western National Bank of San Francisco soon will proceed upon a "never close" basis. All classes of its business, including that of its safe deposit vaults, will be carried on night and day.

According to the old belief the first day of December governs the whole of the month. Friday, the second day, is the pattern by which January will shape itself, and Saturday sets the pace for February.

A Pittsburg man was very much wrought up because the preacher was smiling and happy while performing the marriage ceremony, while he himself was nervous and white as a sheet. That was plain enough—it was all profit and no risk to the parson.

Berlin university has more students than any other institution of its kind in the world. It has 7774 matriculated students enrolled and 1230 who have not matriculated. The philosophical department has 3572 students, the medical 1111, law 2756 and theology only 335.

A young man of this locality is in a quandary. He lives on a farm but has been courting a girl in town. Finally he asked her to marry him. She seemed willing but said she could never live on a farm. He then proposed moving to town and engaging in some other business, and she said if he was fool enough to do that she wouldn't have him. He is still figuring.

People who are walking along the road and are overtaken by the rural delivery mail wagons, should remember that however much the driver would like to give them a ride he does not dare to do so. Uncle Sam has decreed that no one shall ride in the wagons but the mail carrier, and he must be obeyed. There are sections of the country where that ruling means more than it does here, but it had to be made general.

Twice a year 80,000 men and boys scattered from one end of England to the other must be fitted out with new clothes. These are the employes of the Postoffice Department, and it is no small task to provide these garments, to say nothing of making sure that each is well fitted. The department uses 287 miles of cloth 303 miles of lining, besides 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 buttons and the other things which go into the making of a garment.

A MATTER OF HEALTH

ROYAL

BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure
HAS NO SUBSTITUTE

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows.

North Bound—3.29, 7.48, 9.22 and 10.24 a. m; 1.54, 4.17 and 5.58 p. m.
South Bound—12.36, 8.21, 9.19 and 11.38 a. m.; 4.43, 5.41 and 7.13 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.20 a. m., 10.05 a.m., 3.50 p.m., 5.45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m
For Odessa—7.5.0 a. m., 8.30 a. m. 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a. m, and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., FEB. 18, 1905.

Local News.

Dr. W. E. Barnard, Dentist. Offices and residence adjoining the post office.

HORSE SHOEING.—Plain, 75 cents cash. Satisfaction guaranteed.
J. C. GREEN.

FOR RENT—House and Stable now occupied by John W. Solway East Main street. G. E. HUKILL.

After October 1st the library will be open on Tuesdays from 3.30 to 5 o'clock, P. M., and on Saturdays from 3 to 5 o'clock and 7 to 8.30 o'clock, P. M.

WANTED.—Boarders in private family. Either ladies or gentlemen. Rooms to rent. Apply to THIS OFFICE.

FOR RENT.—Stable on West Main street. Possession given March 25th, next. Apply to THIS OFFICE.

FOR SALE.—House on Crawford St. For particulars apply to
MRS. L. F. SCHRIETZ.

Harrisons' at Berlin, Md., are sending out souvenirs buttons of the Ray peach.

Real photograph scenes of many views are shown in J. G. Harrison & Sons nursery catalog.

You will find members of the firm of J. G. Harrison & Sons at their post of duty.

Harrisons Nurseries show a block of forty thousand Crawford late peach trees in full growth on one of their twelve farms at Berlin, Md.

FOR SALE.—Two first-class second-hand pool tables, in good condition. Going out of business. Must be sold. Can be see at room, West Main street.
C. R. CLAYTON.

Members of the firm of J. G. Harrison & Sons nursery at Berlin, Md., visited twenty different states during the last season to see the best orchards.

FOR RENT.—Seven room house with bath on Cochran street—new. Possession March 25th. Also a slaughter house on Lake street. Apply to
M. B. BURRIS.

If you have good eyesight you can see through a piece of smoked glass the large spot that astronomers say has recently appeared on the sun, and to which some folks attribute the extremely cold weather of the past few weeks.

It has been ascertained that the sleet storm of last week did considerable damage by breaking down fruit trees and making the public roads very slippery. Many rabbits and birds have also been found dead—from cold and starvation.

Are you going to get married? Are you going to housekeeping? Are you going to move, or when you clean house, and need any Furniture, Carpets, Matting or anything else in house furnishings I can save you money if you will see me before you purchase. A. FOGEL.

We have taken the agency for the Model Cypress Incubator, and when we say all of the leading poultrymen of the country are using the Cypress, we are only saying what many in this community know is true. Would be glad to have you call and look it over.
J. F. MCWHORTER & SON.

Mr. Charles S. Montgomery has purchased the confectionery and ice cream business of Mr. Paul Weber, on West Main street, and will take possession in a few days. Mr. Montgomery is a hustler, and should do well in his new stand.

The advertisement of J. G. Harrison & Son, nurseries, of Berlin, will be found on the second page of this issue. You can't do better than to deal with these men when in need of anything in their line, for they are responsible and reliable.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending February 9th: Mrs. Geo. H. Harrison, Mrs. Minnie Robinson, Fedora Allen, E. T. Aljser, D. R. Clark, John Hase, Charles Hooper, Wilbur Reding, Robert Wilson, John D. Stoops, Esq.

The icy hand of winter has held us tight for the past two months. The knowing old folks who have a habit of saying that we don't have snows and cold like they did when they were young will have to take a back seat or face the laugh of incredulity of the present generation.

The Rev. C. T. Wyatt attended the subdistrict convention at Kenton last Tuesday, and delivered an address on the subject: "Is the Epworth League Fullfilling the Faith of Its Founders! If not, why Not?" The Convention was largely attended, and the exercises were interesting. The Kenton people proved to be generous hosts. The district Pres. Rev. John M. Arters, is doing a great work for the league and is a most capable efficient officer. He is winning golden opinions throughout the district.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Jones gave a "Valentine Party" at their home on Crawford street Tuesday evening, which proved to be a most delightful affair. The house was beautifully decorated with red hearts, and the dining-room presented a pretty scene, the tables being strewn with red hearts. Each guest was provided with a red ribbon and by pulling the ribbon received a valentine in the shape of a heart. Refreshments were served, and at a late hour the guests departed for their homes. Among those present were: Rev. C. T. Wyatt, Mr. William Sirman, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Scott and daughter, Miss Ada, Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Corbit Vinyard, Mrs. Leona Green, Mrs. J. E. Ginn, Mrs. M. J. Darlington and son Reece, Miss Annie Gallagher, Misses Mary Gill, Prudence Lewis, Helen Rowe, Buelah Dawson, Ada Roberts, Lulu Vinyard, Addie Pennington, May Buehm, Iola Buehm, Elizabeth Hopkins, Jennie Jones Elsie Jones, Estella Suydam, Anna Denney, Bertha Jones, Messrs. Elwood Denney, Daniel Stevens, Jacob Metz, Walter Neff, Chester Davis, John Voshell, Harvey Voshell, Taylor Barnett, Ernest Sirman, Victor Jones, Samuel Pennington and Norman Kumpel.

DELIGHTFUL VALENTINE SOCIAL

The Century Club Entertained Its Friends on Tuesday Evening

The Century Club of Middletown delightfully entertained its friends on Tuesday evening at a valentine social. Over fifty guests were present. The rooms and tables were beautifully decorated, red hearts being one of the features. The entertainment began by a piano duet given by the Misses Pennington, followed by a solo by Miss Nora Armstrong, Mrs. Bragdon playing the accompaniment.

A short drama, "Valentine's Revenge," was ably rendered by Miss Helen Brady, Miss Helen Cochran, Miss Susie Foard and Miss Clara Willits, and was applauded. Mrs. R. L. Kennedy read a humorous selection, which was followed by a vocal solo by Mr. Richmond. William Brady sang a comic song in his usual happy way.

The tea table was presided over by Mrs. John C. Stites and Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd, assisted by Mrs. George Lindsay Cochran, Miss Dora Price, Miss Mary Nowland, and Miss Louise McDowell. Those present were the Rev. W. J. Wilkie, the Rev. F. H. Moore, Dr. and Mrs. G. Burton Pearson, Dr. and Mrs. John C. Stites, Dr. and Mrs. Harris McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt N. Willits, Fred Brady, Sr., Mrs. Fred Brady, Jr., Mrs. J. Gaylord Bragdon, Mrs. G. Lindsay Cochran, Mrs. Samuel Foard, Mrs. Frank J. Pennington, Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd, Mrs. W. E. Barnard, Mrs. Rosie L. Kennedy, Mrs. Fannie H. Lockwood, Mrs. George Derrickson, Mrs. Boyd McCoy, Mrs. Willard B. Biggs, Mrs. Cowgill Alston, Mrs. J. Gray Taylor, Mrs. Frank R. Pool, Mrs. Cuthbert S. Green, Mrs. Eliza C. Green, Mrs. Ash, Mrs. C. J. Freeman, Miss Fannie Shepherd, Miss Ada Lockwood, Miss May Holten, Miss Elizabeth Hall, Miss Mary Rothwell, Miss Nora Armstrong, Miss Helen Naudain, Miss Dora Price, Miss Ethel Brady, Miss Helen Cochran, Miss Susie Foard, Miss Louise McDowell, Miss Clara Willits, Miss Mary Nowland, Miss Blanche Eliason, Miss Clark, Miss Hutchin, Miss Emma Blackiston, Miss Clara Blackiston, John B. Cooke, Fred Crouch, William Brady, Mr. Richmond, Julian Foard and Lloyd Bragdon.

PROGRESSIVE FLINCH

Mrs. Theodore V. Leonhart gave a progressive flinch party at her home on Railroad Avenue Tuesday evening. The affair was one of the most enjoyable social functions of the season, and every guest present seemed greatly delighted with the pleasant evening spent. Each guest was presented with a heart-shaped valentine tied with pink ribbon, on which the scores were kept. Miss Mary Maxwell won the first prize, a hand-painted shirt-waist set and Miss Bernice Metten won the second prize, a beaded coin purse, Miss Eugenia Beasten won the consolation prize. The talley cards were small heart-shaped valentines.

Oysters, chicken salad, biscuit, coffee, cake and ice cream were served to the guests. The tables were beautifully decorated with pink and white carnations.

Among those present were Mrs. Earl Goldsborough, Mrs. Joseph C. Jolls, Mrs. Norman Crouch, Mrs. Walter Beasten, Mrs. Albert Massey, Mrs. Charles Montgomery, Miss Ida V. Howell, Miss Lena Staats, Miss Hattie Cullen, Miss Katie Vansant, Miss Eliza Hurn, Miss Lena Pleasanton, Miss Mary Maxwell, Miss Lottie Jolls, Miss Bernice Metten, Miss Jean Wright Metten and Miss Eugenia Beasten.

CHURCH NOTES

Rev. C. T. Wyatt, pastor, will preach in Bethesda M. E. Church to-morrow morning.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Glorifying God in our home." Eph. 6:1-9. Leader, Miss Anna Gallagher.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Glorifying God in our home." Eph. 6:1-9. Leader, Mrs. A. M. Heaton.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, will celebrate their 25th silver anniversary on Sunday evening, and several interesting features will be on the program, the most noted of which is an address by Miss Ida E. Miner, of Washington, D. C., her subject being, "What Twenty-five Years Have Wrought." Miss Miner is said to be a very interesting and forceful speaker and no doubt will be greeted by a large audience. A silver offering will be taken.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st, 1905.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by Mrs. J. K. Williams, on the farm now tenanted by Isaac Green, on the road from Middletown to Odessa. Jos. M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST, 1905.—Administrator's Sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by Thomas Lattomus, Administrator of Hartley Bennett, deceased, at his late residence, on the Geo. W. Vandyke Farm, near Vandyke's Station, on the road leading from Sassafras, Md., to Smyrna, Del. W. H. Reynolds, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9th, 1905.—Public sale of stock, farm implements &c., by W. S. Ellison, agt., at his residence on the "Fairmount Farm," on the road from St. Georges to Delaware City. Geo. W. Padley, auctioneer.

Shooting Hurries a Wedding

WILMINGTON, February 16th.—There was a bedside marriage at the home of the groom, on East Seventh street, last evening, when Louis J. Lingo, Jr., an electrician, married Miss Mary E. Edwards. The wedding was to take place February 22d, but Lingo, while handling a revolver, accidentally shot himself in the side, making a serious wound. Then it was decided to hurry up the wedding.

Built Gallows Despite Respite

WILMINGTON, Feb. 16th.—Having no official word that Governor Lea had respited John Boozer, who was to be hanged to-morrow for the murder of Farmer George D. Farra, Sheriff Gillis this morning started to erect the scaffold at the county workhouse. It was nearly completed when the Sheriff was notified of the respite and the scaffold was removed.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Bessie Oday, of Seaford, is visiting her uncle, Mr. David Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon DeValinger were in Philadelphia several days of this week.

Mrs. T. A. P. Bordley, of Boston, Mass., is visiting her sister, Miss Martha Roberts.

Mr. Charles W. Jones, of New York City, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Mary Jones.

Miss Maude W. Cosden is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. H. E. Joyce, at Chesapeake City, Md.

Mr. George Boyle, of Galena, and Miss May Smith, of Cecilton, were guests of Miss Mabel Cosden on Saturday.

Mrs. Harry P. Shapley and little daughter Helen, of Smyrna, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Holten.

OBITUARY

WILLIAM W. WILSON

After an illness of several months, Mr. William W. Wilson died at the residence of his daughter, Mr. J. B. Vansant, in Philadelphia, at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, aged 76 years. For many years Mr. Wilson conducted a cigar store and newstand in our town, but sold out the business to his son some months ago. Last fall Mr. Wilson decided to go to Philadelphia for treatment, where he remained until his death. Mr. Wilson has been an active man all his life. For years he had carried on the cigar and tobacco business in connection with the newspaper, stationary and fancy articles, and was well-known to every one in this community. He was a member of Bethesda M. E. Church, a member of Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. and A. M. and Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. His remains were brought to Middletown on the 11.37 A. M. train Friday and taken to the M. E. Church, where services were held, interment being made in Forest Cemetry. The pall-bearers were: J. C. Parker, William Brockson, W. T. Connellee, William Shallcross, W. J. Barnett and George Echenhofer.

SPOT WHERE SWEDES SETTLED

DOVER, February 16th.—Representative Lyons and other patriotic residents of the state desire to mark the spot where the Swedes settled Lewes, and to-day Mr. Lyons introduced a bill to appropriate $500 to defray the cost of a monument to mark the site of the first settlement at Lewes.

The bill designates Governor Lee, former Governor Ebe W. Tunnell, Insurance Commissioner George W. Marshall and Chief Justice Charles B. Lore a committee to arrange for the erection of the monument, and designates as a committee to co-operate with them Representative Lyons, L. W. Mustard, Dr. Hiram R. Burton, Charles H. Maull, J. M. Richardson, James Thompson, J. P. Virden, Clinton Long, William P. Orr, Elijah J. Morris, Joseph Martin, Robert C. Chambers, William R. Messick, David A. Hall and Robert Arnel.

The spot it is desised to mark is near what is known as "Pilottown," in Lewes.

THE MARDI GRAS

For the especial benefit of those desiring to witness the unique Mardi Gras celebration at New Orleans, the Pennsylvania Railroad has arranged for a personally-conducted tour, to leave New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, Friday, March 3rd. A special train of high-class Pullman equipment will be run, in charge of a tourist agent. Three days will be devoted to New Orleans, the party returning direct to New York.

Tourists will occupy this train continuously, so that hotel accommodations and meals in New Orleans will not have to be considered. A special grand stand will be provided on the main line of the great parades. Round-trip rate, including round-trip transportation, Pullman berth in both directions and during stay in New Orleans, all meals in dining car during entire trip, and seat in special grand stand at New Orleans: $65 from Washington. Proportionate rates from other points. Detailed itineraries and full information may be obtained of Ticket Agents; Hugh Hasson, Jr., Passenger Agent Baltimore District, 315 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.; B. M. Newbold, Passenger Agent Southeastern District, Fifteenth and G Streets, Washington, D. C.; or Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

FATAL HORSE DISEASE

Farmers of Kent Island, Md., are very much agitated over the appearance of a disease among horses. The malady is peculiar and kills the animal in a short time. The chief feature of the complaint is the inability of the horse to swallow. The appetite is not lost and food is chewed up only to be rolled into a cud and then spit out. There is a discharge from the nose and the animal continues to get worse. In about 24 hours weakness is noticed, and as it progresses there is a difficulty in breathing. The hard, labored breathing continues, and the animal seems gradually to be overcome by a powerful poison. There is no struggling and there seems to be no pain or fever, death occurs in 48 to 50 hours from the first appearance of the complaint. It is called by local horsemen putrid fever, and they say its mortality is great.

JUSTICE TO THE REGULAR ARMY

"Indian Fights and Fighters," by Cyrus Townsend Brady, is a book that will afford a great satisfaction to the line officers of the regular army. In it, for the first time, justice is done to the brave soldiers who have served patiently and heroically in the dangerous Western posts. The book will serve to counteract the opinion, all too widespread, that service in the plains or in the Rockies is humdrum and unhazardous, and it will prove that the regulars have done an immense amount of work in upbuilding the nation. Dr. Brady, himself a graduate of the naval academy, understands how to no justice to the military branch of the regular army. He knew personally many actors in the great fights, and has lived quite extensively throughout the West.

Engine Started Equine Free Fight

WILMINGTON, February 16th.—Frightened by a passing shifting engine, a carload of valuable horses being shipping from Baltimore to Newark fought each other viciously last night at Edgemoor. One horse was killed and another was so badly hurt that it had to be shot. Several others were injured.

WARWICK

Miss A. Estelle March is in the Quaker City.

Prof. Guy Johnson was in Wilmington Monday.

Mrs. Amos Wilson returned from Wilmington on Monday.

Rev. Charles A. Crowley was in Philadelphia last Tuesday.

Mrs. T. P. Devine who has been critically ill is convalescing.

Mrs. John H. M. Garner was on a shopping trip to Wilmington Friday.

Mrs. D. S. Cannon, of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. A. Lofland.

Junior Christian Endeavor prayer meeting every Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Messrs. J. H. Garner, S. D. Wilson and W. J. Lofland were in Delaware City on Tuesday.

Miss Minnie Smith is entertaining her cousin, Miss Eythel Manlove of near Middletown, Del.

Don't forget the dates of the festival and bazaar of Camp 8, P. O. S. of A., February 21st, 22d, 23d and 24th.

Tuesday was St. Valentine's day and we are well aware that our town people received their share of the comic ones.

R. B. Merritt has announced himself as a candidate for nomination of treasurer at the coming Democratic Convention in Cecil County, and is requesting of his many friends their support in carrying a delegation from the first district.

SASSAFRAS

Our public school have a very small attendance.

Mr. Smith Burris is quite sick suffering from a heavy cold.

Master Clayton Johnson is very sick at his home with the grip.

Mr. Lewis Dreka, Jr., left on Tuesday morning for Philadelphia.

Mrs. B. Caulk is so much improved as to be able to leave her room.

Mr. and Mrs. S. William Lusby, of Cecilton, visited Sassafras on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Johnson visited Mr. and Mrs. James Calhoun on Monday.

Mrs. Laura Townsend was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Phemies Jones on Tuesday.

Madam Rumer says there will be several weddings celebrated during easter-tide.

Mr. and Mrs. Phemies Jones are entertaining her two sons, of Wilmington, for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tarbutton visited Mr. and Mrs. John G. Ernest on Tuesday evening.

Miss Mary Toulson, of near Glasgow, Del., is visiting her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Caulk.

Mr. William Spry, of Galena, visited his mother, Mrs. W. H. Spry, for several days last week.

Mrs. Morris, wife of Judge Sheppard Morris, near town, has been seriously ill but is improving.

Mr. William Shallcross, of Chestertown, is visiting his father, Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross, near town.

Master Douglass Ernest has been quite sick with heavy cold necessiating him to remain from school all this week.

Mr. James Calhoun who was lying very ill with a case of agreviated grip for the past forthnight is still very ill at his home near town.

Mr. Perry Othoson, of near New Castle last week to the farm vacated some weeks ago by Mr. Arnold Stewart, who moved to Warwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Gressert entertained for dinner on Monday Messrs. Jacob T. Shallcross, Harry Griffith and Alexander T. Laws.

Mrs. Rachel Stradley and brother Mr. Robert S. Johnston and son were entertained for dinner on Wednesday by Mr. Mrs. Frank Sylvester.

Tuesday was St. Valentine's day and it was too bad we had no mail when there were so many anxious one's looking for their valentines.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Ernest entertained the Mite Society of the M. P. Rehoboth Church on Wednesday evening. Music was one of the charming features of the evening. There is about 60 members.

BLACKBIRD

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Buckson on Saturday night, the occasion being in honor of Mrs. Buckson, who with her daughter Ella have returned from a seven weeks' visit to Ohio. Mrs. Buckson surprised her family and friends by returning one day earlier than expected. Those present were: Mrs. William Fortner, Mrs. Jacob Spicer, Misses Eva, Nellie and Bessie Schafer, Misses Beulah and Ella Buckson, Misses Edith and Florence Heinhold and Miss Susie Watson and Miss F. E. Husbands.

The continued long spell of stormy weather has kept the young people of this community from going to a series of entertainments long planned for. The young people of Walker's we understand are going to give an entertainment on the 24th of February if the roads improve. The severe winter weather with its surfeit of snowblocked roads, rain and sleet has been one of anxiety for the people of this community. Wood piles are getting low and roads have been in such condition to make it almost impossible to get to the woods.

GALENA HOTEL BURNED

Galena, a prosperous town in Kent County, Md., was visited by a disastrous fire Wednesday of last week, when Spry's Hotel and the Galena Bank property were burned to the ground. The fire broke out about 4 o'clock A. M., and is supposed to have originated from the furnace in the hotel kitchen. Heroic work of the bucket brigade, and the fact that there was no wind at the time, saved the town from a serious conflagation. The hotel building was owned by Mr. Wm. L. Spry having been purchased about two years ago from the Jeremiah Peacock estate for $5000. It was insured in companies represented by Mr. James G. Beck for $4000. There was also $800 insurance on hotel furniture and $500 on the furnitue of the bank.

Triplets Named for Ex-President

LAUREL, Feb. 16th.—Triplets, two girls and a boy, were given birth to by Mrs. John Woottens, the young wife of a Broad Creek farmer, yesterday. The youngsters were named Francis, Ruth and Grover Cleveland, in honor of the ex-President.

TOWNSEND

Mr. D. P. Hutchison was in Wilmington Tuesday.

Mr. Walter Money visited Wilmington on Wednesday.

Miss Winnie Price spent several days in Baltimore this week.

Mr. Thomas Bolden, of Cecilton, was a Townsend visitor Monday.

Miss Lena Baker, of Dover, is visiting Mrs. W. Harman Reynolds.

Mr. Robert Griffith, of Dover, visited Mr. Harmon Reynolds this week.

Mrs. Winfield Lattomus is visiting friends and relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Ethel Lee spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. John Morris, near Smyrna.

Mr. James Vandyke, of Wilmington, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. W. N. Watts.

Mrs. Lela Sargent and daughter, of Wilmington, spent Tuesday with Mrs. L. L. Maloney.

Miss Leah Short entertained her Sunday School class at her home Friday evening, February 10th.

Mrs. Annie Allen, of Middletown, and Miss Bessie O'Day, of Seaford, spent Tuesday with Mrs. Jane Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Watts entertained the Ladies' Aid of the Union M. E. Church on Wednesday evening.

Mr. Richard Fennemore and wife, of Wilmington, spent several days with his father, Mr. Louis Fennemore, and Townsend friends.

Mr. Martin Lee, of this town, who recently graduated at Goldey College, has secured a position in a Philadelphia bank on Chestnut street.

Mr. B. G. Lockerman has obtained a temporary position weighing mail received and despatched at Wilmington P. B. & W. R. R. station. It is not known how long the position will last.

The Q. A. & K. train was snow-bound here Tuesday night. The road had become banked again, but was opened up to-day. The train-crew and passengers lodged at the hotel. The Townsend section men have been away for several days, shoveling snow.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

Wheat—No. 1	$1.12	Corn—	
No. 2	1.07	Yellow, shelled	47
Timothy Seed	$2.65	" cob	48
Clover Seed lb	10½c	Oats	54

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	30@32
Country Butter, per lb	30@34
Creamery Butter, per lb	39
Lard, per lb	8@10
Live Chickens, per lb	12@16
Potatoes, per basket	25@35

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All wool, full satin lined. Not a coat in the lot worth less than from $8.00 to $12, all marked $2.50.

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Men's Mixed Suits $15.00, now $10.00.
Men's Mixed Suits $10.00, now $ 7.50.
Men's Mixed Suits $ 7.50, now $ 5.00.

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$15.00 Coats, have satin lining, now $10.00.
$10.00 Coats, have satin lining, now $ 7.00.
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BY VIOLET M. FLINN

CHAPTER I

One evening in July my father and I were dining alone. It had been a very hot day, and heat always affects me so. The season had been very gay, and I had gone out a great deal, so that I was feeling very tired and a little depressed. My father, too, had been quiet during dinner though that was by no means unusual with him—he had always so much on his mind. I noticed on this particular evening however that he was more than ordinarily silent, and was frowning at his plate as if he had a personal grievance against the pattern.

But it was not until dessert had been put on the table and the servants had left us that my father gave me an idea as to what his thoughts had been during the past hour.

"What have you got on hand for next week?" he asked casually as he peeled a peach for me. 'Could you go out of town for a time, do you think?"

My face must have expressed my astonishment at his words, for he continued—

"You are looking rather washed out, and a rest would do you good. It is almost impossible to breathe here. Besides if you go to the place of which I am thinking, you will add a charitable action to your account."

"Oh, where is it? What do you want me to do?" I asked. "I can get away easily enough—for a month if you like. There will not be much going on now—nothing that I should mind missing if anything very nice took its place. But you are not trying to get out of our trip to Norway in August, are you?"

He laughed.

"Oh, no! This is an emergency visit. I've been attending a new patient lately. She is a lady whom I have heard much about for several years, but whom I never knew personally until I began to attend her. Her name is Verriker, and she lost her husband about seven months ago. He was drowned while cruising in the Adriatic. Perhaps you remember seeing the account of his death in the papers. He was Sir Jasper Verriker. I do not think he was a very great loss," my father added drily. "At any rate, he has not a very good reputation. However, he is dead, so we need say no more about him. Lady Verriker has been under my care for some weeks now. She is a quiet little woman, but very feminine;" and he frowned again and looked almost puzzled.

I guessed at once that he was not much taken with his new patient, or he would not have called her feminine. To be called feminine by my father at once stamped a woman as being in his opinion illogical, weak, foolish and empty-headed. "Be womanly, my dear," he used to tell me when I was a schoolgirl, "but shun femininity!"

"I don't know that she is exactly the sort of woman whom you get on with, Ethel," he continued; "but it would really be doing her a good turn if you would spend a week or so in her gloomy old barracks. She is living at Verriker Court, and by all accounts it is not much of a place. She must be horribly lonely; in fact I know that she is, or her nerves would not be in such a state. Yet they say that Verriker was a brute to her. Gordon is tremendously interested in her. He has known her all his life, he says; and I fancy——" But here he stopped short.

"Oh, go on!" I said. I was growing interested myself. "Don't tell me that you think that my dear Sir Adam is in love with her! Why, I have always intended him for myself!"

"You can't marry your godfather, can you?" he retorted; and his eyes twinkled.

"Oh, I'd easily ignore that! He's a love—twenty times nicer than any young man that I have met! But do go on about Lady Verriker. What is it that you fancy?"

"Well, Lady Verriker comes from the north, as Gordon and I do; but when he first knew her Gordon was only a young engineer who found it uncommonly hard to rub two sovereigns together, whilst she was the only child of a cotton-spinner. As fortunes went then he was exceedingly wealthy, and was correspondingly ambitious for his daughter; and when Gordon went out to South America she married or was married to Verriker. Mind, I know nothing certain, so don't say anything to either Lady Verriker or to Gordon."

"As if I should!" I cried indignantly. "But I have never met Lady Verriker. How can I go to stay with her?"

"Gordon met her accidentally in town. I believe that he had not seen her for years. He was shocked to see her looking so ill, and persuaded her to come to see me. Then he talked about you, and she saw your photographs; and today she asked me if she might see you, and then, as you were out, if you would care to stay with her for a little while. I told her that I would take you to see her to-morrow afternoon. She is staying in town until Wednesday, when she returns to the Court."

"It sounds rather comical, but also rather interesting," I replied. "Of course I would do anything for Sir Adam, but still——" The prospect was not very enlivening, and my face did not express any great willingness to act as consoler to Lady Verriker. "Hasn't she any children?" I asked. "Who inherits the property?"

"A very distant cousin, I believe; but according to Adam, there is not much to inherit. Sir Jasper played ducks and drakes with all he could lay his hands on, and his affairs are in the most hopeless confusion apart from the law proceedings which have arisen owing to his death occurring as it did. It will take months, if not years, to straighten everything out. I imagine that there won't be much pleasure in being Sir Jasper's heir."

My father did not say anything more about my proposed visit to Lady Verriker; but I could tell by his manner that he was anxious for me to accept her invitation. It was so seldom that he spoke of any of his patients that I knew that this particular one must interest him very much. She was made the more interesting to me too by her connection with Sir Adam Gordon, who was my godfather and my father's dearest and oldest friend. They had been boys together, and had started life side by side, both with empty pockets but with keen brilliant intellects and strong ambitions which now, in the autumn of their lives, they had fulfilled.

My father was the best known and most popular physician in London. He attended royalty, and people came even from the Antipodes to ask for his advice. He was universally admitted to be the cleverest physician of the age, and I was proud of being his daughter. The world knew him as a polished society man with the power of healing in his hands; but I knew him as a father—as the tenderest, dearest, and best of men.

Sir Adam Gordon had been made a baronet for some great engineering feat which he had successfully performed; but when the honor was conferred upon him, I was only a child, and I had firmly believed that it was because Her Majesty had personal knowledge of his kind generous heart and his sympathetic intimacy with childish hopes and fears. He had never married, but almost regarded me as his own child. My mother was only a name to me. My father and my godfather represented all my family ties.

So from this conversation with my father, I looked upon my visit to Lady Verriker as an accepted fact. My two fathers desired it, and I never went against their deliberate wishes.

But I was horribly disappointed when I was introduced to Lady Verriker in her private sitting-room in Bigg's Hotel, for, in spite of my father's caution, I had thought of her a great deal in connection with my dear Sir Adam.

He was a typical North-country man, tall, erect, strong, vigorous, with a handsome fresh-colored face and well-chiselled features.

She was very small and slight, with insignificant features and unnoticeable in any way. In short, she was "drab" all over. She had a drab-colored skin, drab-colored hair, drab-colored mind! It was father who made all the conversation, while she assented in a low expressionless voice or disagreed shrinkingly and as if she hoped that no one would hear her. It was most difficult to talk to her. She did not seem to have any idea of what was going on in the world of society or any knowledge of literature or of the drama. She had too a curious trick of staring at one with frightened blue eyes as if she were fascinated, and her thoughts always seemed to be far away from the subject of conversation.

Before I had been in the room for ten minutes I was in despair, and I should have refused to have gone with her to Verriker Court had she not thawed a little when speaking of my visit.

"Your father says he thinks that you would take pity on my solitude and stay with me for a little while," she said, evidently overcoming her shyness with a great effort. "It would be so good of you if you would—I am so very lonely!" And her eyes suddenly filled with tears, while there was a catch in her voice that was infinitely pathetic.

"Ethel will be delighted to do so, I am sure!" my father said briskly. "When are you going down, Lady Verriker?"

"The day after to-morrow. I—I have to see my lawyers again"—and she twisted her fingers nervously as if the subject was an unpleasant one. "I hope that Miss Fothergill will come to me as soon as possible," she added, in a hesitating way.

"I could come on Monday if that would be convenient to you," I said, and she assented with visible relief. "I will write and tell you which train I shall come by."

I felt very dejected as my father and I drove home through the Park. It was looking very bright and lovely, although town was emptying, and the white dust lay thick upon the trees and grass.

"How on earth am I to exist for a fortnight with that woman?" I said dolefully. "No wonder Sir Jasper committed suicide!"

My father looked at me quickly.

"My dear, Sir Jasper did not commit suicide. He fell overboard accidentally."

"Oh, I thought that he committed suicide! I should have wanted to have done so in his place, I know!"

We had a small dinner party that night, and it was when nearly every one had gone that Sir Adam Gordon found an opportunity of speaking to me about Lady Verriker. He had gone up to his room—for we always kept a room ready for Sir Adam—and I was talking to Nigel Buchanan, a rising barrister and the son of a judge.

I rather liked Nigel Buchanan. He was very handsome and had a clean-shaven dark face, very good features—which seemed to require a wig to set them off—and very lovely blue-gray eyes. He was very clever, and his manners were perfect; but he was always very grave and reserved.

I had seen a good deal of him that season. We had known each other more or less all our lives, but it was only within the past few months that we had grown in any sense intimate. We used to quarrel dreadfully. He had a cool deliberate command of himself, and never lost his temper, as I invariably did. I would get very irate and vow that I would never speak to him again, but he would come to me the next time we met as if we were the best of friends, and I never had sufficient strength of mind to continue the quarrel.

That evening he had rendered me good service in my duties as hostess, and so I detained him to tell him that I was leaving town. I was rather anxious to see how he would take my announcement, but just at that moment Sir Adam came in.

"Ah, Buchanan—you still here!" he said, in his pleasant hearty voice. "I thought that the little maid was alone in her glory."

"No; she has been waiting for you," Mr. Buchanan said, and his quiet even voice contrasted not unpleasantly with Sir Adam's more boisterous tones. "I am going now. Good-night, Miss Fothergill! You are not going to Mrs. Moss's dance, you said?"—and he went away without making any allusion to my impending absence. I was very indignant, although neither he nor Sir Adam guessed it.

My godfather plunged at once into the subject that interested him so much. He was very pleased that I was going to visit Lady Verriker, he said, with simple directness. He was sure that the presence of a girl, "young, bright and pretty!" would be worth dozens of doctor's bottles.

"She's got into a low morbid state of mind, poor soul!" he said. "You must do all you can to cheer her up. Give her some of your sunshine, for it is very little she has had since—for the last twenty years. I hope you'll like her!" He looked at me very anxiously.

"Well, I'll do my best, and one ought not to judge by first impressions; but she is so very quiet. She seemed afraid of me!"

"She's had little cause to admire other women's youth or beauty," Sir Adam replied gravely; "but that's all over now, and we must do our best to brighten her up between us. Twenty years! You would not think that she is only thirty-eight, would you, Ethie? That is all she is! She was only eighteen when—when she was sacrificed—a slight bit of a girl, with eyes like forget-me-nots and hair as yellow as corn in August—a gentle yielding thing, who had not a selfish thought in her mind. And they sacrificed her to a man who was notorious even then! But she was ignorant of him; she knew nothing of his past, and they—they——" The veins rose on his forehead, and his strong hand clenched. I had never seen him so moved.

I could do nothing. It seemed incredible to me that Lady Verriker could ever have been, even in her halcyon days, what Sir Adam fancied her to be. But for his sake I was willing to think the best of her.

"And was she married twenty years?" I asked.

"Yes—twenty years—the best part of a woman's life! Merciful Heavens—when I think of it——" He looked at me suddenly and keenly with his clear steady eyes, which we used to say could see through a stone wall. "Ethel, my child, make no mistake! Lady Verriker's marriage was a great and a terrible failure. Jasper Verriker was a scoundrel!" He paused, and then looked down at me with his old quizzical smile. "How old may your ladyship be?" he queried. "Nineteen?"

"You have guessed right. Nineteen next month."

He looked at me musingly.

"A mere slip of a girl! And yet, young woman, you have not got that firm little chin, those straight brows, that high-poised head for nothing. You would not marry because your father said that you must, with no thought for your own inclination—eh?" And he laughed as I drew myself up involuntarily. "No—your will is strong enough; but poor Kitty's——"

He got no further, for at that moment my father called him impatiently, and I, bidding them good-night, went off to my own room with my head full of Lady Verriker. It astounded me to think that that drab little woman should have occupied Adam Gordon's heart to the exclusion of all others for over twenty years!"

I stared at myself steadily in the glass, and wondered what I should be like in twenty years' time and whether anyone who had known me when I was eighteen would cherish fond memories of me twenty years later! I doubted it exceedingly, especially when I remembered how Nigel Buchanan had heard unmoved and had uttered no regret that I was going away.

CHAPTER II

I shall never forget my first impression of Verriker Court. It was a wet day when I arrived, one of those hopelessly soaking days which one often gets in July, when the rain pours steadily down and everything is damp and warm and steaming.

I was the only passenger to alight at Brashfield, and a man-servant, in a white mackintosh which was decidedly the worst for wear, touched his hat to me and asked if I were Miss Fothergill. His appearance was so very "seedy" and poverty-stricken that I was greatly surprised to find that he was Lady Verriker's servant.

"Her ladyship is very sorry not to be able to meet you," he said, as he held an umbrella very awkwardly over me while I crossed the line. "She is very unwell to-day."

A small brougham drawn by a single horse was waiting in the station yard. The servant was evidently coachman and footman combined. The carriage was very old-fashioned, very shabbily upholstered in dark-blue cloth, and it had, to my fancy, a musty disused smell. I could not understand why this should be. Lady Verriker was very wealthy—at least, my father had said so—and, as a certain part of her money had been invested for her sole benefit, surely she could afford a decent horse and a newer brougham than this one which lumbered and shook and creaked along the rough country roads.

It was not a pleasing or a promising beginning to my visit, and my spirits sank lower and lower until the carriage turned in at the lodge gates, and we bumped along an avenue nearly as rough as the road.

The park was abominably kept, and the house was in the Italian style with rows of windows and flat columns. With the rain staining the stuccoed surface and its general air of neglect and dilapidation, it looked as miserable a place as one could imagine.

Lady Verriker was standing in the great doorway waiting for me. She had twisted a white shawl over her head and shoulders.

"It is very good of you to come!" she said in her nervous jerky voice. "It is such a nasty day, too! I am sorry that I could not meet you, but I have had neuralgia so badly. I feel almost distracted with the pain. Come into the drawing-room and have some tea. I do hope that you are not very tired."

I followed her across a great, bare, empty hall. One or two hideous statues relieved the gloom, and the staircase was set under a huge armorial window. The drawing-room was a perfect barn. It had six or seven great windows on one side, and they overlooked a long narrow lake, beyond which was a small wood. The room was in the same neglected condition as the exterior of the house. The furniture was threadbare and moth-eaten, the gilding was dropping from the moulded ceiling, and the walls that had once been painted in imitation of the walls at Hampton Court Palace were grimy and faded.

Tea was already set out on a small table which stood near one of the windows, and Lady Verriker rang the bell at once. She had evidently exhausted all her conversation, for she left it entirely in my care until the maid had brought in the teapot and a plate of toast.

It was a very plain tea, and only consisted of toast and bread-and-butter and a small cake which reminded me of my nursery days. Lady Verriker poured tea from a brown china pot, and the cups were such as one would have had in an ordinary confectioner's shop.

"Dinner is at eight o'clock," she said, when the frugal repast was at an end. "Would you like to go to your own room? I think that Anne has taken your boxes up."

She preceeded me up the great staircase and along the winding corridors, until she opened a door leading into a room which I subsequently discovered to be over the drawing-room, although it was not a quarter of its size, and I was horrified to find that it had the same view of that snake-like lake and gloomy wood. Like the rest of the house, the room was pervaded with the sense of faded grandeur and decay.

"I hope that you will be comfortable," she said nervously. "You don't think you will feel lonely? It is a great house, but I sleep at the end of the corridor if—if you want anything."

"Oh, thank you! I think that I shall be all right." And then she went out in her noiseless fashion, and I stood in the centre of that great bare room and wondered what it all meant.

I never felt so homesick in my life as I did then, and was more than half determined to go back that very night, but in removing my hat I knocked over a basket of flowers which Mr. Buchanin had given me. He had strolled up and handed it to me at Waterloo about three minutes before the train had started. It fell with a thud that arrested my attention, and then I discovered that the flowers had concealed three or four boxes of sweets and a tiny twisted note which, although it might have been read from the house-top, caused me great exhilaration of spirit. I actually sang as I unpacked my boxes, and, when I had put on—instinctively—my very simplest dress, I went down-stairs feeling so radiant and good-tempered that I almost infected Lady Verriker. Certainly the rest of the evening, despite the rain outside and the chill cheerlessness indoors, passed more pleasantly than I had anticipated that it would.

"What a huge place this is, Lady Verriker!" I said as we partook of the exceedingly modest dinner which consisted of one chicken, a dish of stewed gooseberries and custard, and some cheese which neither of us touched. "It would take in a regiment."

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USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Fried oysters are considered unwholesome because, as usually prepared, they become soaked with fat. To avoid this, immerse them completely in hot fat, so that they are instantly seared over and the absorption of fat prevented. A frying basket facilitates the process.

A housekeeper whose house is heated with hot air dries her clothes as they become damp from the laundry by leaning a ladder against the wall across the register and hanging the garments upon the rungs.

Glycerine is always used in combination with rosewater or elder flower water but probably few women know why this is done. It is because glycerine has such an affinity for water that when applied pure it absorbs all the moisture from any surface that it touches. Plain water will do just as well as rosewater, apart from the æsthetic considerations.

Windows that are too long and narrow for the height of the room may be widened and lowered in effect by hanging draperies on either side against the wall.

The ashes of potato peelings are said to banish cockroaches.

Apples for keeping should be laid on a dry floor for three weeks.

Scrubbing brushes should be put away with the bristle side downwards.

Lamp wicks soaked in vinegar before using will give a clearer flame and a steadier light.

A little vinegar added to furniture polish will get rid of the dead oily look so often noticed.

To test butter smear a clean piece of white paper and burn. If the butter is poor the smell will be pleasant.

To make a glue take a piece of cold, boiled potato and rub on a piece of paper with your fingers for five minutes.

Mixed mustard will keep moist longer if, when mixing, you add a spoonful of salt and moist sugar.

Old wall paper can be improved in appearance by simply rubbing it well with a flannel cloth dipped in oat meal.

Eggs covered with boiling water and allowed to stand five minutes, are more easily digested than if placed in boiling water and allowed to boil furiously for a short time.

Castile soap dissolved in hot water and allowed to dry on the skin at night is said to be good for black-heads and pimples. Persons afflicted with black-heads should take exercise in the open air, wash their faces with hot water at night and use white castile soap. When their internal economy gets in good working order their complexions will improve.

It is no secret that baths of milk are beauty preservers, and if taken before wrinkles come they will keep them away. Almost equally good are baths of rain water to which enough simple tincture of benzoin has been added to whiten the water. This has a delicious fragrance. It is astringent and better for oily than for dry skins.

To remove paint from window glass rub it well with hot, sharp vinegar.

To clean bamboo furniture use a brush dipped in warm water and salt. The salt prevents the bamboo turning color.

To remove an obdurate screw apply a red-hot iron to the head for a few minutes and use the screwdriver while the screw is hot.

There is no better way to dust carved furniture than with a painter's brush. This will penetrate all the little crannies which would not be touched by the ordinary dusting brush.

To brighten much-discolored old brass scrub it with paraffin and powdered bath brick. Use a fairly stiff brush, and when the stain has all disappeared polish with a cloth and finely-powdered bath brick, and then give a final rub with a washleather.

One often hears complaints that the wash-house boiler rusts and iron-molds the clothes. This may be easily prevented by rubbing the boiler, directly it is emptied and while still warm, with any good household soap. Give it a good coating of soap, for the soap will not only prevent rust, but will help to make the suds when the boiler is filled for the next washing day.

Mildewed linen should be soaked for several hours in buttermilk and then washed in the usual way.

To clean a dirty boiler put about a pound of caustic soda in the boiler, nearly fill it with water and boil for an hour or more.

Stains on knife handles may generally be removed by rubbing them for a few moments with a damp cloth dipped in kitchen salt.

To clean zinc, mix whiting with ammonia into a smooth paste and apply it to the zinc with a soft woolen cloth. Let the whiting dry and then rub it off with a piece of flannel.

To remove oil stains from wood make a stiff paste of pipeclay and water and spread it on the stains. Leave till next day, then remove the pipeclay, when the stains will have disappeared.

Never wear new stocking till you have had them washed, for the washing somewhat shrinks and toughens the fiber of the wool and they will not be so liable to go into holes as if worn directly they were bought.

Ordinary washing with soap and water will not generally remove the stains on egg spoons. Take a piece of flannel, damp it and dip it in table salt. Then rub the stains with this and they will rapidly disappear.

If you want to shut off any view you can do it very cheaply with an imitation of ground glass. Dissolve as much Epsom salts as the water will absorb in a little hot water and paint it over the inside of the window. When dry you will have a very fair imitation of ground glass.

To remove ink spots, as soon as the accident happens, wet the place with juice of sorrel or lemon, or with vinegar, if these are not handy, and rub well with best, hard soap—ivory preferred.

Scorches made by over-heated irons may be removed from linen by spreading a paste made of the juice of two onions, one-half ounce of white soap, two ounces of fuller's earth and a half pint of vinegar Mix, boil well, and cool before using. Let the mixture remain one half hour after spreading over the scorch and then wash thoroughly.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington R.R.

DELAWARE DIVISION.

On and after Nov. 28th 1904, revised trains will leave as follows.

SOUTHWARD—READ DOWN.								NORTHWARD—READ UP						
PASS	PASS.	EXP.	PASS	MAIL.	MAIL.	EXP	STATIONS.	EX	MAIL.	EXP	MAIL.	PASS	PAS.	SS
83	85	89	21	91	93	97		82	86	90	92	84	94	96
A.M	A.M	A.M.	P.M	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.		A.M	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M
5.00	7 40	10 10	2 05	3 00	5 30	11 05	Philadelphia	9	9 4	10.5	12 4	3.32	5 4	7.42
5 00	6.55	12 01	12 35	1 00	6.5)	11.50	Washington	7.20	11 3.	1.20	1.42	6.10	8.15	9.44
4.10	6.35	7.55	1 01	2 20	4 57	7.5	Baltimore	6 5	10 31	11 23	2 35	5.0	7 10	8 40
7.28	8.28	10 58	3 00	3 14	6 52	11.50	Wilmington	4 15	8 42	10 05	11. 3	2.50	5.00	6 10
7.38	h .8	. .	3 10	. .	7.02	. .	Farnhurst	. .	8 32	p 9.5	11.03	2 2	. .	6 00
7 41	8.42	. .	3 1	3.57	7.05	. .	New Castle	. .	8.27	. .	9.1	10 9	. .	5 56
7.48	h 8 46	. .	3 27	. .	7.10	. .	State Road	. .	8 2	. .	. .	10 54	. .	5 51
7.53	8.51	. .	3 5	. .	7 15	. .	Bear	. .	8 16	. .	. .	11 4	. .	5 47
7.58	8 57	11.20	3 39	v 4.12	7.20	. .	Porter	. .	8 11	v 9.39	v 1.1	11 2	. .	5 42
8.03	9 01	11.2	3 38	. .	7.24	. .	Kirkwood	. .	8 16	. .	. .	10 39	. .	5 37
8.06	9.01	. .	3 38	. .	7.27	. .	Canal	. .	8.01	. .	. .	. .	1 1.52	5 33
8.11	9.09	. .	3 3	. .	7. 2	. .	Mt Pleasant	. .	7.56	. .	. .	10 31	1.48	5 00
8.15	9 12	. .	3.47	. .	7.36	. .	Armstrong	. .	7.52	. .	. .	10 1	1.44	5 25
8 18	9.18	11.37	3. 4	4 31	7.42	12.36	Middletown	4.29	7 48	9 22	10 4	9.40	1 17	5 21
8.11	9 23	. .	4.03	4 40	7.50	. .	Townsend	. .	7.39	9.13	10 6	9.32	1 18	5.22
8 35	h 9 30	. .	4.07	. .	7.54	. .	Blackbird	. .	7.34	. .	10 11	9 1. 7	. .	5 6
8.40	h 9 34	. .	4.12	. .	7.58	. .	Green Spring	. .	7.29	. .	. .	9 12.0	. .	5 41
8.47	9 39	11 54	4.19	4 51	8.04	12 5	Clayton	4.00	7.22	9.00	9.5	9.18	3.5	5.37
8.37	9.29	11.44	4.09	4 41	7.5	. .	Smyrna Ar	. .	7.15	8.7	. .	9 8	3.45	5.7
8 52	h 9 44	. .	4.24	. .	8.00	. .	Brenford	. .	7 19	. .	. .	9.5.	1 13	5 22
8.57	9.49	. .	4.2	. .	8.12	. .	Cheswold	. .	7 14	. .	. .	8.52	1 08	5.17
9.00	. .	. .	4 32	. .	. .	. .	Dupont	. .	7 09	. .	. .	. .	1 04	. .
9.07	9.59	12.10	4.40	5 12	8.2	1.14	Dover	3.50	7.01	8.42	9 4	12. 9	3.38	5 58
9.13	10.05	12 16	4 46	5 19	8.30	1 1.2	Wyoming	3 43	6 5	8 36	9 6	12 52	3.42	6 11
9.19	h10 11	. .	4 52	h 5 25	8 36	. .	Woodside	. .	6 59	e s 9	9 22	2 6	. .	6 01
9.25	h10 15	. .	4 5	h 5 29	8.40	. .	Viola	. .	6 55	e s. 5	9 24	12.42	. .	6 0
9.28	10 20	12.27	5 01	5 34	8.45	1.36	Felton	3.28	. .	. .	8 2	9.20	12 8	3 26
9.37	10 35	12.39	5 10	5.46	8 51	1.46	Harrington	3 18	6 32	8 12	9 11	12 29	3.11	6 7
. . .	10.38	. .	5.50	. .	. .	. .	Ha'Fgt'n Ar	. .	. .	. .	8.52	. .	. .	. .
. . .	11.32	. .	6.41	. .	. .	. .	Georgetown	. .	. .	. .	8 06	. .	. .	. .
. . .	12 30	. .	7.48	. .	. .	. .	Berlin	. .	. .	. .	6.56	. .	. .	. .
. . .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	Ocean City	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
. . .	. .	. .	10.35	. .	. .	. .	B C. & A. Ry)	. .	. .	. .	. .	6 20	. .	. .
. . .	f10.42	. .	f 5.53	f 9.01	. .	. .	Farmington	. .	. .	. .	8.06	8.56	. .	4 33
. . .	10.49	12 57	. .	6 00	9 08	. .	Greenwood	. .	. .	. .	7.53	8.49	. .	4 26
. . .	10 57	1 00	. .	6 08	9.16	2 08	Bridgeville	3 46	. .	. .	7.45	8 41	. .	4 18
. . .	h11 02	. .	f 6 13	d 9.21	. .	. .	Cannons	. .	. .	. .	f 7.39	f 8.35	. .	4 12
. . .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	Ross	. .	. .	. .	f 7.31	. .	. .	. .
. . .	11 13	1.11	. .	6 2	9 29	2.20	Seaford	3.33	. .	. .	7.20	8 27	. .	3 55
. . .	11.24	1.21	. .	6.31	9.39	2.32	Laurel	20	. .	. .	7.20	8 12	. .	3.25
. . .	11 34	1.31	. .	6.41	9 49	2 42	Delmar	1 08	. .	. .	7.10	8 01	. .	3 15
. . .	11.54	1.49	. .	7.00	. .	3.00	Salisbury	2.55	. .	. .	. .	7.37	1.19	3 08
. . .	. .	4.3.	. .	. .	. .	5.33	Charles	9.25	. .	. .	. .	. .	10.52	. .
. . .	. .	6.35	. .	. .	. .	7.35	Old Point	7.20	. .	. .	. .	. .	8.40	. .
. . .	. .	8 00	. .	. .	. .	8.45	Norfolk	6.15	. .	. .	. .	. .	7.45	. .
A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	A.M.		A.M	A.M	A.M.	A.M.	P.M	A.M.	A.M.	P.M

"v" Connections to and from Baltimore and Washington made via Porter.

‖ Daily. § Daily except Sunday.

"d" Stops to discharge passengers.

"e" Stops on signal to receive passengers for Maryland Division via Porter or for Wilmington and beyond.

"f" Stops only on notice to conductor or agent or on signal.

"h" Stops to let off passengers from points north of Wilmington and from points on Maryland Division via Porter.

"j" Stops to take on passengers for Cape Charles and beyond.

"p" Stops to leave passengers from Middletown and points south.

"r" Stops to leave passengers from New York Division.

BRANCH ROADS.

DELAWARE, MARYLAND & VIRGINIA R. R. Leave Harrington for Franklin City and way stations 10.38 a. m. 5.50 p. m. week days. Returning train leaves Franklin City 6.00 a. m. and 11.57 p. m. week days.

Leave Franklin City for Chincoteague (via steamer) 1.36 and 5.45 p. m. week days Returning leave Chincoteague 10.45 a. m., and 5.30 p. m., week-days.

Leave Harrington for Georgetown and Lewes 10.38 a. m., 5.50 p. m., week days Returning, leave Lewes 6.45 a. m and 1.36 p. m week-days